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## **PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

#### **FOREIGN PATENTS:**

Patent No.	Country	<u>Publication Date</u>
0 926 885	Europe	June 30, 1999
2000-9925	Japan	January 14, 2000

#### REMARKS

The above-listed document were cited in an official communication from the Patent Office of the People's Republic of China in connection with a corresponding Chinese patent application. A copy of a Search Report indicating how these references were deemed material to the Chinese patent application also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

The JP 2000-9925 reference previously was cited in an Information

Disclosure Statement of July 1, 2003; accordingly, a copy of the reference is not submitted herein.

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# **CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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